

HOOKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 8, 2023

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a regular monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the courthouse on June 8, 2023. Present were commissioners Bryan Crisp, Thad Emerson and Julie Kraye. Also present during the meeting were Jessica Hampton, George Vinton, Crystal Wiens, Todd Yost, Don Pettigrew and Mike Baum.

The minutes of the May 11, 2023 meeting were read aloud and approved with corrections. Chairman Bryan Crisp announced the Public Meetings Law posted in the boardroom and copies of it and the agenda are available for the public.

The claims on file were audited by the board. Bryan Crisp moved and Thad Emerson seconded the motion that the audited claims be allowed and warrants from the various county funds be issued for their payment. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Approved claims are listed below.

Roads were discussed and monthly expenses reviewed. Don Pettigrew addressed the board and discussed budget items. Bryan Crisp updated the board on the projected maintenance building. The building permit has been submitted to the Village of Mullen. Mike Baum addressed the board to update on current road projects. He also requested an increase in his tool budget as he needs a new tool box and some hand tools. This will be addressed at the budget meeting in August. Mike Baum also notified the board that the Mullen Commercial Club asked if the Hooker County Road Department would be able to do dirt work if they were to put in camper hook-ups at the fairgrounds. Discussion occurred, but the board did not make a final decision. It was noted that the price for the road drag was not \$1,700, but \$17,500.

The clerk notified the board that Change of Value notices were mailed at the end of May. Protests will be heard at the July meeting.

The following liquor permits were presented to the board by Chuckwagon ‘n Jug LLC: Coble Wedding, Stichka Wedding, Folk Wedding, Hassett Wedding, Steak Night, Mullen Ranch Rodeo, Hog Wrestling & Dance and Tailgate Party-Fundraiser. Bryan Crisp motioned and Julie Kraye seconded the motion that the commissioners have no objection to the listed liquor permits. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Crystal Wiens presented the treasurer’s report, no questions regarding the report. Crystal Wiens discussed NPAIT with the commissioners and it was decided to open a second account. Thad Emerson made a motion and Bryan Crisp seconded to open a second NPAI account for the Inheritance Fund money and to transfer \$648,641.21 into the new account. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Todd Yost addressed the board. A part time deputy was hired. Bill Sellers will work as needed to assist Todd Yost. Todd also notified the commissioners that he would be replacing his desktop computer.

Library budget worksheet was discussed, no questions regarding the budget.

George Vinton notified the board that the Dean Andersen Estate court case has concluded and a court order to refund Inheritance Tax will be forthcoming.

Claims

GENERAL FUND		ROAD FUND	
Blue Cross Blue Shield, ins	\$ 11,220.05	Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 3,249.32
Vision Service Plan	\$ 72.27	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 50.97
Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 374.26	DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00
DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00	Mullen Motor Company	\$ 207.44
DataShield	\$ 108.00	Sandhill Oil Co Inc	\$ 785.10
First Concord Benefits Group	\$ 491.83	Bomgaars	\$ 84.96
Gworks	\$ 2,626.00	Croell Inc	\$ 359.08
Jessica Hampton, exp	\$ 230.18	Custer Public Power District	\$ 74.04
Artis Hicks, exp	\$ 20.00	Dooley Oil Inc	\$ 256.50
Hooker County Tribune	\$ 263.96	Grant County Treasurer	\$ 562.36
Macke's Grocery	\$ 85.09	Inland Truck Parts & Service	\$ 98.80
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	\$ 20.00	Neal Oil & Auto Center Inc	\$ 4,346.14
MIPS, Inc	\$ 1,751.18	NMC	\$ 2,561.48
Monument Inn & Suites	\$ 210.00	Topkote	\$ 77,055.88
Alex Moore, exp	\$ 558.05	Triple G Redimix LLC	\$ 3,630.17
Mullen Motors LLC	\$ 108.35	IRS	\$ 3,658.24
NATP	\$ 85.00	NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 667.68
Nebraska State Patrol	\$ 99.00	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 1,410.23
NIRMA	\$ 28,061.00	Payroll	\$ 11,021.63
Darlene Osborn, exp	\$ 136.00	LIBRARY FUND	
Quill, LLC	\$ 356.16	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 113.41
Region II Human Services	\$ 250.38	Hooker County Tribune	\$ 89.90
Sandhill Oil Co, Inc	\$ 34.95	Macke's Grocery	\$ 17.50
Kent Turnbull, exp	\$ 130.00	Village of Mullen	\$ 358.84
USPS	\$ 1,141.85	Brodart Co	\$ 261.75
Verizon Wireless	\$ 182.74	Demco	\$ 99.30
Village of Mullen	\$ 432.36	Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 3.49
West Publishing	\$ 251.24	IRS	\$ 289.42
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 31.33	NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 19.26
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 22.99	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 156.32
Call's Garage	\$ 5,619.00	Payroll	\$ 1,425.75
IRS	\$ 7,202.90	911 SURCHARGE FUND	
NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 995.94	Consolidated Tel Co, 911	\$ 343.16
Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 2,926.02	Keith County Communications	\$ 9,210.04
MASA Global	\$ 75.00	ARPA FUND	
George Vinton	\$ 2,250.00	Applied Connective Technologies	\$ 752.40
Payroll	\$ 25,672.80		

Meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m. Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the Hooker County Board of Commissioners will be held Thursday, July 13th at 3:30 p.m. Meetings are held in the Commissioners Room and agendas for these meetings are kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the county clerk during normal business hours.

Attest: Hooker County Board of Commissioners

HOOKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
JULY 13, 2023

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a regular monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the courthouse on July 13, 2023. Present were commissioners Bryan Crisp, Thad Emerson and Julie Kraye. Also present during the meeting were Jessica Hampton, George Vinton, Crystal Wiens, Todd Yost, Don Pettigrew, Mike Baum, Doug Cooley and Kylie Joyce.

The minutes of the June 8, 2023 meeting were read aloud and approved. Chairman Bryan Crisp announced the Public Meetings Law posted in the boardroom and copies of it and the agenda are available for the public.

The claims on file were audited by the board. Julie Kraye moved and Bryan Crisp seconded the motion that the audited claims be allowed and warrants from the various county funds be issued for their payment. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Approved claims are listed below.

Roads were discussed and monthly expenses reviewed. Don Pettigrew addressed the board and discussed budget items. Bryan Crisp updated the board on the projected maintenance building. The building permit has been approved by the Village of Mullen zoning committee. Mike Baum addressed the board to update on current road projects. Baum discussed procuring crushed concrete, no action taken. Jessica Hampton provided a copy of the 2023 NIRMA road maintenance audit to the commissioners.

Jessica Hampton presented a Betterment grant application to Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation, the funds would be used towards the expense of the proposed shop building. Bryan Crisp moved and Julie Kraye seconded to have Jessica Hampton submit the Betterment grant application to Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation requesting the amount of \$100,000. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Kylie Joyce with Region II Services presented to the commissioners the available programs and services that Region II Services is able to provide to Hooker County residents. Jessica Hampton presented the previously accepted subdivision regulations to be signed by the chairman of the board. The updated regulations were signed and will be added to Hooker County's planning and zoning manual.

Julie Kraye moved and Bryan Crisp seconded that the opioid money received in June in the amount of \$71.30 be given to Region II Human Services. A claim will be made for August meeting. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

The clerk presented a letter from the district court notifying the increase in court-appointed lawyer fees. An email from Lincoln County requesting a letter of support for broadband was also presented. No action was taken. The clerk also presented information about an Economic Development Administration Program. The clerk notified the board that the audit prep for the 2022-2023 audit was underway.

Crystal Wiens presented the treasurer's semi-annual report. Bryan Crisp moved and Julie Kraye seconded to approve the treasurer's semi-annual report. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Crystal Wiens presented information regarding interest rates with DaySpring Bank formerly known as First State Bank. Bryan Crisp moved and Thad Emerson seconded that Hooker County not open a new account with NPAIT and to keep the Inheritance Fund money in the amount of \$648,641.21 in DaySpring Bank in the account that it currently resides. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Todd Yost addressed the board and gave a sheriff's update.

Library budget worksheet was presented, no action taken.

George Vinton notified the board that a claim was presented for the Dean Andersen Estate appointed attorney and recommended it be paid from the Inheritance Fund.

Bryan Crisp recessed the meeting at 4:15 p.m. for the Board of Equalization. Commissioners reconvened at 4:52 p.m.

Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to enter executive session at 5:35 p.m. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to exit executive session at 5:53 p.m. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Bryan Crisp made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to terminate the weed superintendent's employment as of August 31, 2023. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.


Claims

GENERAL FUND		ROAD FUND	
Blue Cross Blue Shield, ins	\$ 11,666.59	Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 1,141.90
Vision Service Plan	\$ 81.66	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 191.59
Applied Connective Technologies	\$ 742.40	DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00
Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 374.26	Handyman Hardware	\$ 102.56
Creative Printers	\$ 129.50	Kwik Stop	\$ 642.24
DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00	Macke's Grocery	\$ 15.92
Eakes Office Solutions	\$ 409.78	Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 4.34
Cardmember Service	\$ 495.93	Mike Baum, exp	\$ 13.14
First Concord Benefits Group	\$ 2,289.24	Custer Public Power District	\$ 68.85
Artis Hicks, exp	\$ 60.00	Grant County Treasurer	\$ 584.74
Hooker County Tribune	\$ 112.96	Neal Oil & Auto Center Inc	\$ 2,495.92
Kwik Stop	\$ 1,756.15	Triple G Redimix LLC	\$ 10,140.28
Lincoln County Clerk	\$ 1,086.20	IRS	\$ 3,273.12
Loup Basin RC&D Council	\$ 90.34	NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 578.34
Macke's Grocery	\$ 35.38	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 1,238.72
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	\$ 20.00	Payroll	\$ 10,015.82
MIPS, Inc	\$ 899.60	LIBRARY FUND	
Alex Moore, exp	\$ 155.00	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 113.41
Mullen Auto & Diesel	\$ 77.63	Macke's Grocery	\$ 46.78
Darlene Osborn, exp	\$ 130.00	Village of Mullen	\$ 314.78
Prairie States Communications	\$ 2,117.66	Brodart Co	\$ 261.75
Quill, LLC	\$ 154.06	IRS	\$ 292.88
Thomas County Treasurer	\$ 6,581.25	NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 20.34
USPS	\$ 66.00	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 160.27
United States Treasury	\$ 11.16	Payroll	\$ 1,416.24
Verizon Wireless	\$ 182.74	911 SURCHARGE FUND	
Village of Mullen	\$ 534.85	Consolidated Tel Co, 911	\$ 343.16
West Publishing	\$ 251.24	LODGING TAX PROMO FUND	
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 23.91	NETA	\$ 300.00
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 30.80	Hooker County Tribune	\$ 7.25
Crystal Wiens, exp	\$ 206.48	LODGING TAX CAPITAL FUND	
IRS	\$ 7,053.54	Bond Payment	\$ 1,481.25
NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 996.36	INHERITANCE TAX FUND	
Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 2,786.72	Allen Andersen PR Dean Andersen Estate	\$ 65,690.46
MASA Global	\$ 75.00	Bacon, Vinton & Venteicher	\$ 4,091.50
George Vinton	\$ 2,250.00		
Payroll	\$ 24,432.08		

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Notice is hereby given that the Hooker County Board of Commissioners will hold a budget workshop in conjunction with the regular meeting on August 10, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the commissioner's room. Meetings are held in the Commissioners Room and agendas for these meetings are kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the county clerk during normal business hours.

Attest:

Hooker County Board of Commissioners


Jessica Hampton, Hooker County Clerk


Bryan Crisp, Chairman

HOOKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2023

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a budget workshop in conjunction with the regular monthly meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the courthouse on August 10, 2023. Present were commissioners Bryan Crisp, Thad Emerson and Julie Kraye. Also present during the meeting were Jessica Hampton, George Vinton, Crystal Wiens, Todd Yost, Mike Baum, and Devan Polt.

The minutes of the July 13, 2023 regular meeting and board of equalization meeting were read aloud and approved. Chairman Bryan Crisp announced the Public Meetings Law posted in the boardroom and copies of it and the agenda are available for the public.

The board worked through the preliminary valuation, budget documents and tentative budget requirements as first item on the agenda. The claims on file were audited by the board. Thad Emerson moved and Julie Kraye seconded the motion that the audited claims be allowed and warrants from the various county funds be issued for their payment. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Approved claims are listed below.

Roads were discussed and monthly expenses reviewed. Mike Baum addressed the board to update on current road projects. Bryan Crisp updated the board on the projected maintenance building. Crisp is currently working with Custer Public Power regarding electricity. Vapp has been notified and will view the site when electrical has been determined. Thad Emerson moved to adopt Resolution 2023-4 the Signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2023. Julie Kraye seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. The board heard the request for a street sign for Don Younkin, no action was taken.

County inventories were reviewed by the board. Byran Crisp made the motion to approve the inventories as presented, Julie Kraye seconded. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

The assessor presented the 3-Year-Plan of Assessment to the board. Julie Kraye motioned and Bryan Crisp seconded the motion to approve the presented 3-Year-Plan of assessment. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

The board agreed on the special hearing date of September 20th, 2023 at 6 p.m. for the Property Tax Request Act if deemed necessary.

Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to approve the SDL application for the Mullen Commercial Club/Grouse Hunt for 9/14/2023-9/16/2023 at the Hooker County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Propane bids from Neal Oil and Sandhills Oil were opened. Bryan Crisp moved and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to accept the propane bid from Neal Oil for the 2023-2024 heating season. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Bryan Crisp made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to accept the Interlocal Agreement with Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency. Roll call vote three ayes, motion carried. Thad Emerson moved and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 2023-5 a resolution appointing representative and alternate representative to Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency. Roll call vote three ayes, motion carried.

Crystal Wiens presented the treasurer's report, no action taken.

Todd Yost presented an updated Mutual Aid Agreement for the Sandhills Area Sheriffs' Association. Bryan Crisp moved and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to renew the interlocal agreement/mutual aid agreement for Intergovernmental Law Enforcement Services and Assistance among the members of the Sandhills Area Sheriffs' Association. Roll call vote three ayes, motion carried.

Library budget worksheet was presented, no action taken.

Devan Polt was hired as the Noxious Weed Supervisor with a start date of September 1, 2023.

Claims

GENERAL FUND		ROAD FUND	
Blue Cross Blue Shield, ins	\$ 11,666.59	Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 2,238.45
Vision Service Plan	\$ 81.66	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 118.13
Applied Connective Technologies	\$ 742.00	DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00
Michael Borders	\$ 3,061.47	Kwik Stop	\$ 464.78
Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 357.56	Macke's Grocery	\$ 7.13
DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00	Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 5.82
Data Shield	\$ 79.00	Bomgaars	\$ 3.99
First Concord Benefits Group	\$ 515.93	Custer Public Power District	\$ 63.16
Kwik Stop	\$ 858.73	Grant County Treasurer	\$ 584.74
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	\$ 20.00	Kelly Supply	\$ 197.96
MIPS, Inc	\$ 899.60	Mid-America Diesel	\$ 10,423.35
Alex Moore, exp	\$ 125.20	Mid-America Research Chemical	\$ 783.20
Mullen Motors	\$ 528.78	Neal Oil & Auto Center Inc	\$ 6,176.29
NACC	\$ 50.00	NMC	\$ 2,706.52
Darlene Osborn, exp	\$ 129.00	Nebraska Truck Center	\$ 115.80
PIP Marketing	\$ 45.81	Sandhill Oil	\$ 538.50
Quill, LLC	\$ 42.18	Starr Equipment & Repair	\$ 529.02
Region II Human Services	\$ 71.30	TO Haas	\$ 6,116.36
SASA	\$ 150.00	Triple G RediMix LLC	\$ 6,053.62
USPS	\$ 100.00	IRS	\$ 3,058.38
Verizon Wireless	\$ 182.74	NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 527.47
Village of Mullen	\$ 572.08	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 1,148.46
West Publishing	\$ 273.85	Payroll	\$ 9,453.91
Crystal Wiens, exp	\$ 97.86	LIBRARY FUND	
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 25.36	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 113.43
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 22.63	Macke's Grocery	\$ 8.30
Todd Yost, exp	\$ 72.41	Village of Mullen	\$ 342.15
Artis Hicks, exp	\$ 30.00	Brodart Co	\$ 351.75
Hooker County Tribune	\$ 117.44	EBSCO	\$ 157.02
IRS	\$ 7,288.56	World Book Direct Marketing	\$ 61.90
NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 1,024.27	IRS	\$ 253.60
Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 2,941.90	NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 13.82
MASA Global	\$ 75.00	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 136.40
George Vinton	\$ 2,250.00	Payroll	\$ 1,286.22
Payroll	\$ 25,732.67	STATE INSTITUTIONS FUND	
911 SURCHARGE FUND		Region II Services	\$ 370.00
Consolidated Tel Co, 911	\$ 343.16	INHERITANCE TAX FUND	
		Allen Andersen PR Dean Andersen Estate	\$ 260.88

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. Notice is hereby given that the Hooker County Board of Commissioners will hold the next regular meeting on September 14, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room. Meetings are held in the Commissioner's Room and agendas for these meetings are kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the county clerk during normal business hours.

Attest:


Jessica Hampton, Hooker County Clerk

Hooker County Board of Commissioners

Bryan Crisp, Chairman

HOOKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2023

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a budget workshop at 3:30 p.m. in the courthouse on August 23, 2023. Present were commissioners Bryan Crisp, Thad Emerson and Julie Kraye. Also present during the meeting were Jessica Hampton, Crystal Wiens and Mike Baum. Chairman Bryan Crisp announced the Public Meetings Law posted in the boardroom and copies of it and the agenda are available for the public. The board worked through the preliminary valuation, budget documents and tentative budget requirements. It was discussed to place money in cash reserve to aid in carryover and cash flow for future budgets.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. Notice is hereby given that the Hooker County Board of Commissioners will hold the next regular meeting on September 14, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room. Meetings are held in the Commissioner's Room and agendas for these meetings are kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the county clerk during normal business hours.

Attest:

Hooker County Board of Commissioners



Jessica Hampton, Hooker County Clerk



Bryan Crisp, Chairman

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a regular monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the courthouse on September 14, 2023. Present were commissioners Bryan Crisp, Thad Emerson and Julie Kraye. Also present during the meeting were Jessica Hampton, George Vinton, Crystal Wiens, Todd Yost, Erin Arensdorf and Devan Polt.

The minutes of the August 10, 2023 regular meeting and August 23, 2023 budget meeting were read aloud and approved. Chairman Bryan Crisp announced the Public Meetings Law posted in the boardroom and copies of it and the agenda are available for the public.

The claims on file were audited by the board. Thad Emerson moved and Julie Kraye seconded the motion that the audited claims be allowed and warrants from the various county funds be issued for their payment. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Approved claims are listed below. Roads were discussed and monthly expenses reviewed. The public hearing for the review of the Six Year Road Improvement Project Program was held at 3:45 p.m. Bryan Crisp made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-10 a long range six-year plan of highway, road and street improvements based upon priority of needs. Julie Kraye seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

A letter was presented to the commissioners from John Howell regarding a road located in T.22N R.32W S.19 & 20. It was partially built approximately 15 years ago, but has not been maintained. Howell has a project he is presenting to the zoning board in September. If the project is approved the road would need to be completed. The commissioners tabled the road discussion until after the zoning board has met.

The commissioners were notified that Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation Grant was awarded towards the building for the amount of \$15,000. Bryan Crisp notified the board that he is still waiting on Custer Public Power to look at the electrical for the proposed building site for the maintenance building.

The budget hearing was held at 3:50 p.m. Julie Kraye made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-6 a Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations for the proposed County Budget for Fiscal Year 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024. Bryan Crisp seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Bryan Crisp made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-7 a Resolution Setting the Property Tax Request at General Fund \$960,885.65, 911 Surcharge Fund \$12,034.90. Thad Emerson seconded the motion. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Erin Arensdorf addressed the commissioners regarding Area Agency on Aging. Arensdorf provided the commissioners with statistics and information for Hooker County and the services Area Agency on Aging provides. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to sign an agreement to Form an Area Agency on Aging in Hooker County. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to sign Resolution 2023-8 Authorizing Participation in an Area Agency on Aging. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Noxious Weed Supervisor Devan Polt met with the commissioners and presented an interlocal agreement with Sandhills Weed Management. This would update a former interlocal agreement that was formerly in place. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the signing of the Sandhills Weed Management Area Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Thad Emerson made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to approve the following SDL applications for Highway 2 Depot: Hooker County Foundation Event, St. Mary's Oktoberfest, Folk/Phillips Wedding and Hassett Wedding. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

Jessica Hampton notified the board that the IT grant has moved on from the state level to the FEMA level of approval. The commissioners were notified of a zoning board meeting taking place on September 20, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. with a special commissioner's meeting to follow at 4 p.m. It was requested that the October meeting be moved to Wed, October 11, 2023 at 3:30 so Hampton can attend election training. No objections to moving the meeting. It was also requested the November meeting be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 in order to hold County Government Day. No objections to moving the meeting.

Crystal Wiens presented the treasurer's report, current finances and tax collection. No action taken.

Todd Yost updated the commissioners on current sheriff's activities.

Library budget worksheet was presented, no action taken.

George Vinton requested Glenn Van Velson serve as Special County Attorney for Hooker County in inheritance tax determination. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson Seconded Resolution 2023-9 appointing Glenn Van Velson as Special County Attorney for the following inheritance tax determinations: Estate of Betty B. Hampton, Margaret M. Bostron & Daisy A. Musser. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

GENERAL FUND		ROAD FUND	
Blue Cross Blue Shield, ins	\$ 10,568.34	Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 2,238.45
Vision Service Plan	\$ 62.35	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 118.13
Applied Connective Technologies	\$ 769.66	DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00
Axon Enterprises	\$ 161.00	Grant County Treasurer	\$ 584.74
Comfort Inn Kearney	\$ 119.95	Kwik Stop	\$ 341.44
Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 365.82	Macke's Grocery	\$ 16.56
DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00	Quill LLC	\$ 16.98
First Concord Benefits Group	\$ 423.36	Allard Precast	\$ 1,560.00
AT&T Mobility	\$ 257.28	Andersen & Sons NAPA	\$ 195.36
Grant County Treasurer	\$ 584.74	Custer Public Power District	\$ 64.42
GR-Emergency Vehicle Outfitters	\$ 600.00	Dooley Oil Inc	\$ 453.49
Artis Hicks, exp	\$ 60.00	Inland Truck	\$ 76.53
Hooker County Tribune	\$ 163.44	Neal Oil & Auto Centerj Inc	\$ 5,892.80
Kwik Stop	\$ 978.86	NMC	\$ 677.34
Shanda Licking, exp	\$ 208.29	Nebraska Truck Center	\$ 512.14
Macke's Grocery	\$ 51.94	O'Reilly	\$ 56.40
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	\$ 20.00	Sandhill Oil	\$ 332.36
MIPS, Inc	\$ 899.60	TO Haas	\$ 1,275.18
Mullen Auto & Diesel	\$ 151.58	Triple G RediMix LLC	\$ 5,724.12
Mullen Motors	\$ 76.00	Vinton Feed Store	\$ 21.00
Secretary of State	\$ 60.00	Windstream of the Midwest	\$ 3.07
Darlene Osborn, exp	\$ 189.00	Bomgaars	\$ 19.15
Quill LLC	\$ 27.78	IRS	\$ 3,651.76
Region II Human Services	\$ 127.08	NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 666.77
Byron Sellers, exp	\$ 20.22	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 1,397.98
Verizon Wireless	\$ 122.44	Payroll	\$ 11,009.11
Village of Mullen	\$ 690.18	LIBRARY FUND	
West Central District	\$ 50.00	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 113.43
West Publishing	\$ 273.85	Macke's Grocery	\$ 9.98
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 21.44	Quill LLC	\$ 49.98
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 35.99	Village of Mullen	\$ 420.66
Todd Yost, exp	\$ 8.56	Neal Oil & Auto Center	\$ 129.00
IRS	\$ 7,392.74	Brodart Co	\$ 261.75
NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 1,020.17	MidAmerica Books	\$ 162.41
Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 3,100.93	Windstream	\$ 2.95
MASA Global	\$ 62.50	IRS	\$ 282.24
George Vinton	\$ 2,250.00	NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 16.05
Payroll	\$ 26,297.74	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 144.57
911 SURCHARGE FUND		Payroll	\$ 1,453.80
Consolidated Tel Co, 911	\$ 343.16	STATE INSTITUTIONS FUND	
		Region II Human Services	\$ 753.99

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. Notice is hereby given that the Hooker County Board of Commissioners will hold the next regular meeting on October 11, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room. Meetings are held in the Commissioner's Room and agendas for these meetings are kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the county clerk during normal business hours.

Attest:

Hooker County Board of Commissioners

Jessica Hampton, Hooker County Clerk

Bryan Crisp, Chairman

HOOKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a special meeting to discuss a proposed conditional use application at 4:00 p.m. in the courthouse on September 20, 2023. Present were commissioners Thad Emerson and Julie Kraye, absent Bryan Crisp. Also present during the meeting were Jessica Hampton, Charlie Munn and George Vinton. Telephonically John Howell.

Vice-Chairman Julie Kraye announced the Public Meetings Law posted in the boardroom and copies of it and the agenda are available for the public.

The board read over the conditional use application filed by Dismal River Ranch Co represented by John Howell and Hammers Construction. Howell is proposing a site plan for a 13,200 square foot lodge and 7,500 square foot recreational building with the lodge to consist of twelve private bedrooms/bathrooms, trophy room, dining room, game room and kitchen and the recreation building containing a multipurpose room, bird cleaning room and locker rooms, and a man-made pond next to the lodge. John Howell spoke to the county board of commissioners telephonically and presented his plan for the 16.74 acre tract.

After discussion regarding the proposed application and looking at findings of fact the board members were ready to make a motion. Thad Emerson made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to recommend the proposed conditional use application with the following conditions set forth (a) Applicant shall comply with all Nebraska Department of Health requirement for sewer and water; (b) Applicant shall comply with any applicable construction and electrical code; (c) Applicant shall obtain appropriate building permits prior to commencement of construction; (d) Applicant shall convey the 16.74 acre tract to a separate entity; (e) Applicant shall be responsible for the cost of aggregate on the access road with the County to build the grade and deliver and apply the gravel. Motion was called for roll call, two ayes, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Attest:

Hooker County Board of Commissioners



Jessica Hampton, Hooker County Clerk

Julie Kraye, Vice-Chairman



HOOKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2023

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a regular monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the courthouse on October 11, 2023. Present were commissioners Bryan Crisp, Thad Emerson and Julie Kraye. Also present during the meeting were Jessica Hampton and George Vinton. The minutes of the September 14th & 20th, 2023 regular meetings were read aloud and approved. Chairman Bryan Crisp announced the Public Meetings Law posted in the boardroom and copies of it and the agenda are available for the public. The claims on file were audited by the board. Bryan Crisp moved and Julie Kraye seconded the motion that the audited claims be allowed and warrants from the various county funds be issued for their payment. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Approved claims are listed below. Roads were discussed and monthly expenses reviewed. Bryan Crisp brought the VAP Construction proposal regarding the new maintenance building to the board. After reviewing the proposal Thad Emerson made a motion and Bryan Crisp seconded the motion to accept the VAP Construction proposal. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. At 3:45 p.m. the board recessed to begin the Board of Equalization for the purpose of setting the county levies. The commissioners reconvened at 3:50 p.m. The clerk presented a letter from John & Jill Tucker thanking the commissioners and the road department for the maintenance on the Dismal River Road. A letter from NACO regarding voting at the annual banquet was read. At this time no action is taken. Jessica Hampton reminded the commissioners about County Government Day to be held on November 7, 2023. Crystal Wiens had the clerk present the treasurer's report, current finances and tax collection. No action taken. Library budget worksheet was presented, no action taken.

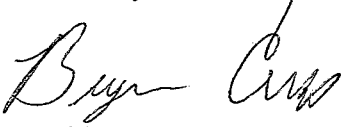
Claims

GENERAL FUND		ROAD FUND	
Blue Cross Blue Shield, ins	\$ 10,568.34	Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 2,238.45
Vision Service Plan	\$ 62.35	DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00
Applied Connective Technologies	\$ 2,556.50	Grant County Treasurer	\$ 584.74
AT&T Mobility	\$ 124.32	Handyman Hardware	\$ 53.28
Axon Enterprises	\$ 80.50	Kwik Stop	\$ 260.38
Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 368.61	Croell	\$ 2,156.31
DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00	Custer Public Power District	\$ 70.96
Data Shield	\$ 54.00	Inland Truck	\$ 9,425.82
Eakes Office Solutions	\$ 105.08	Michael Todd	\$ 1,099.00
Russ Finney, exp	\$ 14.41	Mullen Motors	\$ 18.50
First Concord Benefits Group	\$ 401.02	Neal Oil & Auto Centerj Inc	\$ 5,327.44
Mike French, exp	\$ 20.96	NMC	\$ 1,543.93
Grant County Treasurer	\$ 584.74	Triple G RediMix LLC	\$ 4,600.14
Jessica Hampton, exp	\$ 98.25	WPCI	\$ 32.00
Handyman Hardware	\$ 49.94	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 118.13
Artis Hicks, exp	\$ 30.00	Windstream of the Midwest	\$ 2.89
Hooker County Tribune	\$ 344.02	IRS	\$ 3,028.16
Kwik Stop	\$ 652.95	NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 520.22
Loup Basin RC&D Council	\$ 92.07	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 1,135.81
Macke's Grocery	\$ 34.08	Payroll	\$ 9,375.33
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	\$ 20.00	LIBRARY FUND	
MIPS, Inc	\$ 1,033.60	Quill LLC	\$ 105.99
Charles Munn, exp	\$ 27.51	Village of Mullen	\$ 349.25
NACO	\$ 843.04	Brodart Co	\$ 261.75
Darlene Osborn, exp	\$ 70.00	Michael Frederick	\$ 50.00
Quill LLC	\$ 91.64	Nebraska Library Commission	\$ 500.00
Thomas County Treasurer	\$ 6,581.25	Pumpkin People & Produce	\$ 14.09
Kent Turnbull	\$ 25.00	Macke's Grocery	\$ 7.98
Verizon Wireless	\$ 131.52	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 113.43
Village of Mullen	\$ 606.44	Windstream	\$ 2.92
West Publishing	\$ 273.85	IRS	\$ 267.34
Crystal Wiens, exp	\$ 98.51	NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 15.60
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 21.67	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 142.93
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 35.34	Payroll	\$ 1,365.21
Todd Yost, exp	\$ 25.68	911 SURCHARGE FUND	
IRS	\$ 7,219.10	Consolidated Tel Co, 911	\$ 343.16
NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 1,011.33	STATE INSTITUTIONS FUND	
Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 2,983.95	Region II Services	\$ 370.00
MASA Global	\$ 62.50		
George Vinton	\$ 2,250.00		
Payroll	\$ 25,328.41		

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. Notice is hereby given that the Hooker County Board of Commissioners will hold the next regular meeting on November 7, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room. Meetings are held in the Commissioner's Room and agendas for these meetings are kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the county clerk during normal business hours.

Attest:


Jessica Hampton, Hooker County Clerk

Hooker County Board of Commissioners

Bryan Crisp, Chairman


HOOKER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2023

The Hooker County Board of Equalization convened at 3:45 p.m. in the commissioners room on October 11, 2023. Present were commissioners Bryan Crisp, Thad Emerson and Julie Kraye. Also present during the meeting were George Vinton and Jessica Hampton

Resolution 2023-11 was reviewed by the commissioners. Bryan Crisp moved and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2023-11 setting the levies for the current tax year. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

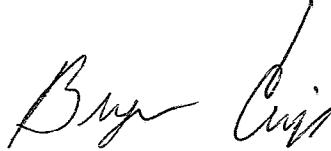
Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Attest:

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Jessica Hampton, Hooker County Clerk

Hooker County Board of Commissioners

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bryan Crisp', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bryan Crisp, Chairman

HOOKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2023

The Hooker County Board of Commissioners held a regular monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the courthouse on December 14, 2023. Present were commissioners Bryan Crisp, Thad Emerson and Julie Kraye. Also present during the meeting were Jessica Hampton, George Vinton, Crystal Wiens, Don Pettigrew, Mike Baum and Elaine Menzel.

The minutes of the November 7, 2023 regular meeting were read aloud and approved. Chairman Bryan Crisp announced the Public Meetings Law posted in the boardroom and copies of it and the agenda are available for the public.

The claims on file were audited by the board. Bryan Crisp moved and Julie Kraye seconded the motion that the audited claims be allowed and warrants from the various county funds be issued for their payment. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. Approved claims are listed below.

Roads were discussed and monthly expenses reviewed. Don Pettigrew has armor coat bids prepped and ready for publication in January. Mike Baum notified the board that the dump truck was repaired, but with over 1,000,000 miles on the truck the next repair could be the transmission. The road department has been working on the shoulders of Dismal River Road, started ground work for North Creek Drive and will be coming to town to site prep for the new building. Construction on the new building is projected to start in January. The board was asked if the county would pay for DOT CDL physicals, the consensus was no, the county would not pay for the employee's physical.

Elaine Menzel with Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO), attended the meeting and updated the board on current NACO happenings, legislation updates and meeting dates for 2024. Menzel also encouraged the board to look into National NACO and all that they offer counties.

TL Meyer had the clerk present an Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of Cooperative Extension Services for the Central Sandhills Extension Service. The interlocal agreement was reviewed by the board and county attorney. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Thad Emerson seconded the motion to sign the Interlocal Agreement for the Central Sandhills Extension Service. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried. The clerk also presented the certificate of insurance for the Central Sandhills Extension Service and notified the board of upcoming pesticide trainings.

Jessica Hampton presented a 2023 Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy for Hooker County Transit. Bryan Crisp made a motion and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to approve the 2023 Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy for Hooker County Transit. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

The financial statement for the fiscal year July 2022-June 2023 audit was presented to the board. Thad Emerson motioned and Julie Kraye seconded the motion to approve the financial statement and approve the audit for submittal to the state. Roll call vote, three ayes, motion carried.

The clerk requested the January meeting be moved to Wednesday, January 10th, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.

Crystal Wiens presented the treasurer's report, current finances and tax collection. No action taken.

The appointment for the Hooker County Emergency Manager has been tabled until January meeting.

Library budget worksheet was presented, no action taken.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND		ROAD FUND	
Blue Cross Blue Shield, ins	\$ 10,568.34	Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 1,098.25
Vision Service Plan	\$ 62.35	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 118.78
Applied Connective Technologies	\$ 789.00	DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00
AT&T Mobility	\$ 315.04	Grant County Treasurer	\$ 584.74
Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 369.45	Kwik Stop	\$ 1,018.07
DAS State Accounting	\$ 44.00	Neal Oil & Auto Center Inc	\$ 4,282.11
First Concord Benefits Group	\$ 1,624.69	Custer Public Power District	\$ 82.98
Grant County Treasurer	\$ 584.74	Dooley Oil Inc	\$ 288.12
Artis Hicks, exp	\$ 50.00	Inland Truck	\$ 1,880.61
Hooker County Tribune	\$ 188.00	Mid-American Research Chemical	\$ 1,089.17
Kwik Stop	\$ 1,489.58	NMC	\$ 1,104.48
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc	\$ 40.00	Donald Pettigrew, exp	\$ 261.35
Midwest Special Services Inc	\$ 419.95	Triple G Redimix LLC	\$ 2,703.81
MIPS, Inc	\$ 899.60	Troyer Enterprises Inc	\$ 111.07
Mullen Auto & Diesel	\$ 292.65	IRS	\$ 3,930.42
Mullen Motors	\$ 65.00	NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 735.13
Neal Oil & Auto	\$ 516.00	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 1,384.21
Darlene Osborn, exp	\$ 120.00	Payroll	\$ 11,763.13
Pro Printing & Graphics	\$ 406.00	LIBRARY FUND	
Quill LLC	\$ 20.65	Consolidated Telephone Company	\$ 114.08
Thomas County Treasurer	\$ 6,581.25	Macke's Grocery	\$ 5.14
Verizon Wireless	\$ 131.58	Neal Oil & Auto Center	\$ 354.75
Village of Mullen	\$ 374.36	Village of Mullen	\$ 245.55
West Publishing	\$ 273.85	Windstream	\$ 4.16
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 20.91	Brodart Co	\$ 261.75
Windstream of the Midwest Inc	\$ 32.62	Lookout Books	\$ 132.78
Crystal Wiens, exp	\$ 3.62	Lightbulbs	\$ 478.85
IRS	\$ 7,388.54	IRS	\$ 279.74
NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 1,033.82	NE Dept of Revenue	\$ 17.83
Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 3,147.47	Ameritas Life Insurance	\$ 151.09
MASA Global	\$ 62.50	Payroll	\$ 1,399.06
George Vinton	\$ 2,250.00	LODGING TAX PROMO FUND	
Payroll	\$ 26,265.65	Hooker County Tribune	\$ 14.81
911 SURCHARGE FUND		NE Cattleman Sandhills Affiliate	\$ 6,000.00
Consolidated Tel Co, 911	\$ 343.16	Sharptail Shootout Advertising	\$ 13,089.00

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. Notice is hereby given that the Hooker County Board of Commissioners will hold the next regular meeting on January 10, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room. Meetings are held in the Commissioner's Room and agendas for these meetings are kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the county clerk during normal business hours.

Attest:

Jessica Hampton, Hooker County Clerk

Hooker County Board of Commissioners

Bryan Crisp, Chairman